

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend line 1 of page 1 to read as follows:

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

"The use of TNF antagonists as drugs for treating septic disorders"

Please amend the paragraph found on lines 5-6 of page 1 to read as follows:

"BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. FIELD OF THE INVENTION

a¹ The present invention relates to the use of TNF antagonists for treating septic disorders."

Please amend the paragraph found on lines 8-10 of page 1 to read as follows:

"2. DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART

a² It is known that the term tumor necrosis factor (TNF) embraces two cytotoxic factors (TNF- α and TNF- β) which are mostly produced by activated lymphocytes and monocytes."

Please amend the paragraph found on lines 36-38 of page 2 to read as follows:

"BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

a³ It is an object of the present invention to identify, reliably and rapidly, those patients suffering from sepsis who can be successfully treated with TNF antagonists."

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Please amend the paragraph found on lines 4-7 of page 3 to read as follows:

"BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The figure shows that a decrease in mortality can be achieved by the treatment in the group with increasing IL-6 level.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

at The treatment is preferably carried out on patients whose serum level of interleukin-6 in the measurement period is at least 500 pg/ml. However, it may also be distinctly higher than this level and be up to the order of a few mg/ml."
